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- Why a Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights
- What is It?
- Growing in popularity
- How the COBR can be a great resource for you!





## Why a Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights?







## Why a disconnect from nature?

- Immersed in technology
- Time too structured
- Lack of access to natural areas











### **Parental Fear**









### Consequences

- Poor health –
   Childhood obesity and Type 2
   Diabetes
- Lack of connection and understanding of natural world
- Increased psychological stress







### **A Natural Solution**







### **Benefits**







### **Physical Well-Being**







## A more well-balanced, less stressed child







### The development of intraand interpersonal skills







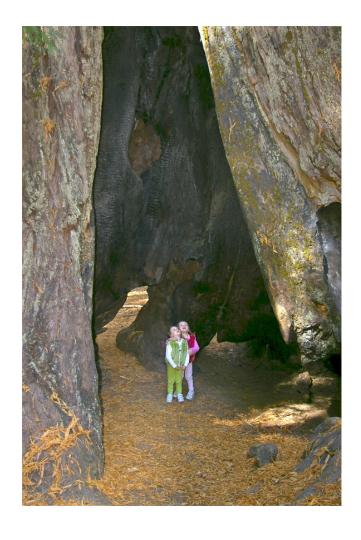
## Increased cognitive functioning







## Increased sense of connection with nature









## A sense of caring for the natural world







## Part of a National Movement

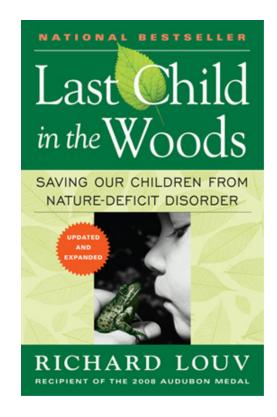
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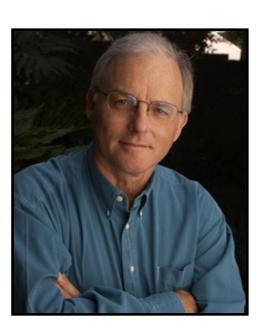
-Orion Magazine, March/April 2007





### "Healing the broken bond between our young and nature is in our self-interest."









"A natural remedy: The benefits of time outdoors"

Bay Area News Group Suzanne Bohan November 04, 2007

"This Season's Hot New Toy: Fresh Air"

National Post - December 19, 2007

www.hookedonnature.org.

www.takeachildoutside.org

www.cnaturenet.org/

"Do not starve the children of nature"

Daily News & Analysis, Mumbai – October 24, 2007By



### New York Launches Outdoor Magazine for Kids

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle - December 19, 2007



"Raising healthier kids: Getting your kids back in touch with the great outdoors can improve their health and well-being."

USA Weekend Nov 18, 2007





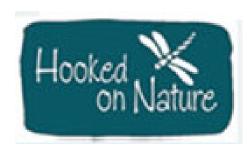






- Chicago Wilderness Leave No Child Inside
- No Child Left Inside Coalition
- No Child Left Inside, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection







#### **Mission**

To Encourage California's
Children to Participate in
Outdoor Recreation Activities and
Discover Their Heritage

### **Objective**

That every child in California, by the completion of their 14th year, have the opportunity to experience each of the activities listed within the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.







#### Who We Are

The California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism was founded in 1998 to encourage cooperation between public and private entities involved and interested in outdoor recreation, public lands and tourism in California.

The Roundtable's membership includes recreation, parks and tourism leaders from local, state and federal governmental organizations, private enterprises, user groups, environmental groups, educational institutions and the public.

Membership Roundtable Members

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### **Every Kid's Life List**

- To Encourage Kids To Go Outdoors...
  - Make it memorable
  - Make it fun
  - Involve the family
  - Involve all recreation providers
  - Make it adaptable





### **Discover California's Past**







### Splash in the Water







### Play in a Safe Place







### **Camp Under the Stars**







### **Explore Nature**







### **Learn to Swim**







### Play on a Team







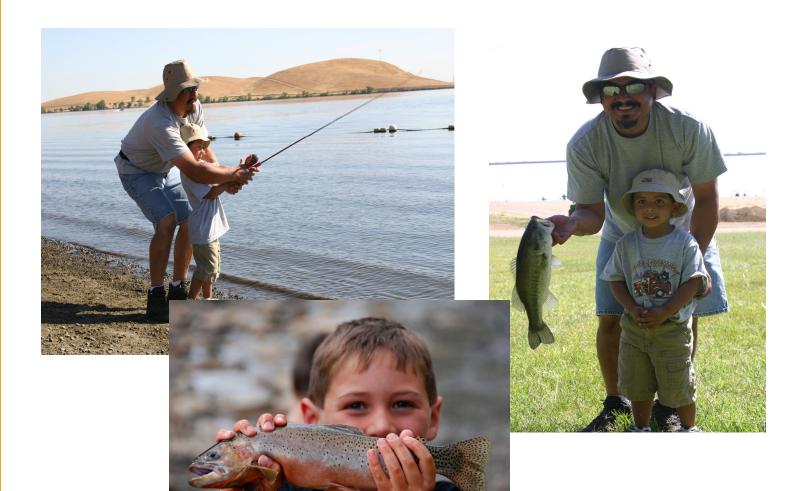
### **Follow a Trail**







### Catch a Fish







### Celebrate Your Heritage







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### A Great Resource for You







### **Endorsements**

- California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
- San Mateo County Park District
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Los Angeles County
- California Park and Recreation Society
- Pacific Stewardship Council
- City of Elk Grove
- California State Park and Rec. Commission
- City of Roseville and Roseville PAL
- California Council of YMCAs
- California State Park Rangers Association
- San Luis Obispo County
- YOUR AGENCY HERE





### **Promote Your Programs**







Facilitate collaborations among private, public, and non-profit sectors committed to the children-in-nature cause.







# For more information: California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism

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